

God's work in the lives of our graduates



After leaving the orphanage, Nadia tried living on her own. She was unskilled in meal preparation, budgeting, and in building relationships. She did understand the importance of personal hygiene and an orderly room. Yet it was evident she was not prepared for independent living.

Nadia came to The Harbor when she was 20 years old. Initially she cowered in the corner like a frightened animal. She was scared of everything and everyone. Later our staff discovered that she had many real and imagined fears stemming from her childhood. Consequently she was afraid of herself, afraid to try new things, and afraid of facing difficulty. It seemed that she was doomed to failure.

After two years at The Harbor, Nadia learned how to face her fears. In the past she had not even been aware of them. She took English, computer, sewing and hairdressing classes. Even though she did not like to do much of anything, she began to show initiative. Gradually she was moving out of the shadows of her past. At long last she was no longer controlled by her fears and she was beginning to form friendships.

Nadia is learning how to earn money and be a good steward of her finances. She does not spend everything that she earns now, but sets some aside for the future.

Nadia is reaching out to needy people. Together with youth from her church she visits orphanages and shares her testimony with orphans. She is telling them how God has changed her life. She has progressed from only receiving to giving. In addition to orphans, God has laid on her heart a love and passion to serve the homeless. She helps them in any way she can.

Most significantly while at The Harbor, Nadia has learned to trust God, to lean and rely on Him and not just on people. She continually learns to follow Christ in everything she does. She

has become a free person from the pain and fears of her past. Nadia has learned to love and forgive others, and aspire for a better future for herself. Step by step she is becoming a whole person. Her life is now anchored in Christ, full of hope.

Thank you for partnering with The Harbor to transform the lives of orphans like Nadia. She would not be who she is today without the opportunity afforded her by The Harbor. Truly God is using The Harbor to significantly impact lives and raise up a generation of new Christian leaders--leaders who are passionate for the Lord and for reaching out to other orphans. This would not happen without your prayer and financial support.

Our goal in 2009 is to serve 16 additional residents. This will bring the total residents to 32 in the two-year program. To make this goal a reality we need more ministry partners who are willing to make monthly eternal investments to raise more leaders like Nadia. It cost \$150 per month for two years to transform one life. Please join us!

Blessings, Alex & The Harbor



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